

Bulletin Inserts

July 6 – In contrast to the rights described by the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July, the Supreme Court has created another ‘right’: “The right created by the Supreme Court in Roe is a constitutional right of some human beings to kill other human beings. I do not mean for my description to be provocative, but simply direct—blunt about facts. One need not presume that the human fetus has a right not to be killed in order to recognize that, as a descriptive matter, Roe creates a right for one class of human beings to kill other human beings.” Professor Michel S. Paulsen, *NRL News Today*, 1/16/14

July 13 - There are so many cases of doctors telling parents to abort their unborn child because of a genetic disorder. Angie Rodgers is one of the many mothers that rejected that advice and brought forth an incredible child, Grace Anna. Despite significant physical challenges, Grace has delighted the world with a You Tube video in which she sings “The Star Spangled Banner.” This little girl whom doctors thought wasn’t worthy of life is singing her way into America’s hearts and hearts around the world. *NRL News Today*, 4/04/14

July 20 - “It is almost too much to contemplate: the prospect that we are living in the midst of, and accepting (to various degrees) one of the greatest human holocausts in history. And so we don’t contemplate it. Instead, we look for ways to deny this grim reality, minimize it, or explain away our complacency—or complicity.” Prof. Michel S Paulsen

July 27 - New York has the second highest abortion rate in America and the second highest total number of abortions, exceeding 100,000 annually. For every 1,000 black babies born in the state of New York, 1,223 black babies are aborted. Yet, liberal legislators in the state want to decriminalize all abortions, allowing the violent procedure through the entire nine months of pregnancy. They hope to do this by passing the “Reproductive Health Act” championed by New York Governor Mario Cuomo. *LifeNews.com*, 1/20/14

August 3 – Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, emphasizes that the right to life is the key to all other rights: “Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable...Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be.” (n. 213)

August 10 – Anatomical studies document that the human body’s pain network is established by 20 weeks after fertilization. Neurologists report that unborn babies actually feel pain more intensely than do adult because the child’s pain-modifying system has barely begun to develop. Given this medical evidence, is there any other conclusion we can draw except that abortion is inhumane and barbaric; a brutal action against the most defenseless of humans?” Jean Garton, *NRL News*, Winter, 2013

August 17- “Every old person, even if infirm and at the end of his days, carries with him the face of Christ. They must not be thrown away” Pope Francis

August 24 – “It should tell you something when passionate advocates of unrestricted abortion are so uncomfortable talking about ... abortion. Perhaps all of the rage abortion extremists aim at their opponents is cover for a deep insecurity - maybe psychological, definitely political - about the reality of what they are defending.” Jonah Goldberg, 1/31/14

August 31 – The New York Times once launched a crusade against abortion back in 1871. It made stamping out the abortion trade a “crusade,” publishing “a regular series of editorials and reports on the subject, culminating in an August 23, 1871 expose, “The Evil of the Age.” To buttress its position, the paper sent one of its reporters, accompanied by a woman, to the “city’s most notable abortionists.” The reporter described, “a systematic business of wholesale murder conducted by men and women in this city that is seldom detected, rarely interfered with, and scarcely ever punished by law.” *Scoundrels in Law*, by Cait Murphey,

September 7 – “The heroism of men and women who stand day after

day outside abortion clinics, who tirelessly work to educate the world on the horror of abortion, who fight legal battles, who sat blocking the entrances to abortion clinics and went to jail for it, who expose the corruption of the abortion industry, who day after day commit themselves to ending abortion...this heroism achieves something very profound, through daring acts of love for the unborn babies threatened by abortion. In some small way, these children are not alone, their humanity is not wholly rejected, and they are loved and wanted.” James Eagan, 1/7/13.

September 14 - Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood abhorred abortion. She considered it “sordid, terrible, a horror, barbaric,” calling the results of abortion “infanticide,” “foeticide, an outrageous slaughter.” She turned abortion-seeking women away from her clinics, contrasting abortion with birth control which “has nothing to do with interfering with or disturbing life after conception has taken place.” Planned Parenthood itself did not offer abortions until the mid-to-late 1960s, once Sanger had died. Dave Tell, *Weekly Standard*, January 2003

September 21 – “It takes a deadening of the soul for a society to become ‘desensitized.’ We know this because when those senses are awakened, our indifference and willingness to tolerate evil is pushed back. When William Wilberforce fought to abolish the slave trade in England, he moved a boatload of the elite into proximity of a slave ship to smell the stench. Their senses were awakened and a major step forward was achieved to end the horror.” After 40 years of the evil of abortion, it seems that America is slowly beginning to open its eyes to the wholesale destruction of unborn children called abortion. Star Parker, 1/14/13.

September 28 - “After nearly four decades, Roe’s human death toll stands at nearly sixty million human lives, a total exceeding the Nazi Holocaust, Stalin’s purges, Pol Pot’s killing fields, and the Rwandan genocide combined. Over the past forty years, one-sixth of the American population has been killed by abortion. One in four African-Americans is killed before birth. Abortion is the leading cause of (unnatural) death in America.” Michael S. Paulsen

Suggested Prayers

July 6 – May all women coping with an unexpected pregnancy turn to Jesus who will share their burden, we pray

July 13 – For abortion doctors and their clinic staff that their eyes may be opened to what abortion is and does, we pray

July 20 – For men and women suffering the after-effects of abortion, that they may turn to God for compassion and forgiveness, we pray

July 27 – That this nation may come to see the destructive effects of abortion on our society, we pray

August 3 – That those who pray and counsel outside abortion clinics may feel the power of the Holy Spirit as they try to save lives, we pray

August 10 – For a greater sense of the presence of God in the unborn child, we pray

August 17 – For a deeper understanding of the worth of each individual, no matter their age or challenges, we pray

August 24 – For all families caring for a disabled child or aged parent that they may realize Christ is with them, we pray

August 31 – That all who hold positions of authority may never hesitate to speak out in defense of the unborn, we pray

September 7 – That all Christians may reach out in love to those who believe abortion is acceptable, we pray

September 14 – For those bearing heavy crosses in living out their belief in the value of each human life, we pray

September 21 – For all those who have the power to enact or defend life-protective laws, that they may use this power in accordance with God’s will, we pray

September 28 – That all those who work in offering women alternatives to abortion may represent God’s love and mercy to those they serve, we pray